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HARVARD.

News Items.

The portrait of Mrs. Fiske Warren and her daughter, Miss Rachel Warren, one of the leading debutantes of last winter, by Sargent, is one of the most striking and prominent in interest of any in the present exhibition of American painters in Rome. Mrs. Warren is in full dress with no ornamentation whatever in the way of jewels. Her wonderful coloring and flesh tints are put on canvas with the painter's well-known skill. She is seated in an arm chair and her daughter, whose figure is partly concealed, is looking over her shoulder.

Mrs. Jason G. Miller of Ashburnham was a week-end guest with Miss Susie Davis.

M. McMahon exhibited some McIntosh Red apples in town this week that he has kept in his cellar since the picking last year.

The monthly meeting of the Harvard Temperance society is to be held at the Orthodox church vesty on Sunday evening, July 30. Prof. Jesse Holmes of Swarthmore college, Pennsylvania, is to address the meeting. The opportunity to hear Prof. Holmes is given by the fact that he is spending his vacation at Orchard End, Tahanto farm. Everyone welcome to this meeting.

Since purchasing his new car, June 24, Edwin Savage has travelled in the same over 2300 miles.

It is reported on good authority that Fred St. John has disposed of his real estate in West Bare hill to Fiske Warren.

Mrs. W. D. Lewis and her two

daughters, Miss Annette M. R. and Louise E. Lewis, who recently sold their place here to Fred S. Savage, sr., have moved their household goods to Brookfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hildreth, who have been on a trip including the west and north through Canada since their marriage, arrived here on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Percy Atherton is visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Atherton for a few days. Mr. Atherton is at present in camp with the militia, taking part in the sham battles.

Mrs. Ellen Gamage, who has been at her home here for a few weeks, has returned to Dorchester, where she is staying with her relatives, the Getchells.

Mrs. A. C. Sawyer is visiting for a few days at South Framingham.

Thomas Silliker, chauffeur and general manager for W. H. Roberts, has been taking a trip down east to Prince Edward Island, on a little vacation, leaving last week Thursday and returning this Wednesday.

The H. F. D. chemical have voted to hold their annual concert and ball as usual on Thanksgiving night and have secured the services of the Salem Cadent orchestra, Jean Missud, leader. The company intend to make this the best social dancing party of the year and are already making preparations for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander of Clinton are camping at Bare hill pond.

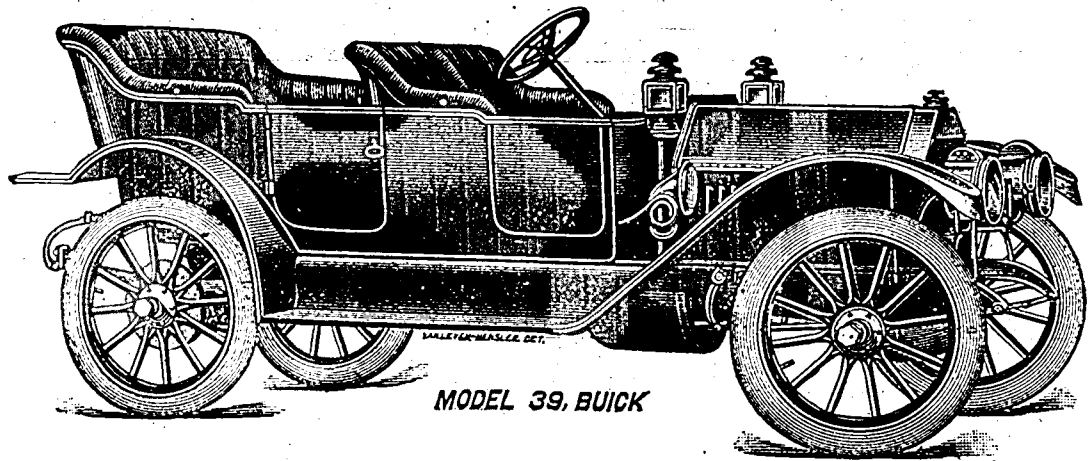
Miss Ethel Nourse and a party of girl friends are camping for a couple of weeks on Sheep Island.

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Model 21 Buick, \$1500.00

The easiest thing in town, Model 21 Buick. In every demonstration I have given this year, remarks have been made about how very easy riding it was, also how very still and flexible, and what power it had on hills. Am averaging eighteen miles on a gallon of gasoline with five passengers. Demonstrated to a party in Townsend, who said he would not buy a car that could not climb the hill from West Townsend to Ashby on high speed. He had demonstrations in six or eight cars, and bought a Buick.

Call and find out about AJAX TIRES, guaranteed for 5000 miles. If they do not stand up, I do the adjusting.

For Sale--Two Motorcycles

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OUR ANNUAL MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

Began on Saturday, July 22, and ends on Saturday, Aug. 5

Two Weeks of genuine Bargain offerings. It is now the time of year when we CLEAN UP what is left of our stock of Spring and Summer Goods. It is the well-known policy of this store not to carry over goods from one season to the next.

We are determined to CLEAN UP this season's stock, therefore this big cut in prices. This sale includes the balance of our new, fresh Spring and Summer Wearables. Look over the following list carefully as you will be sure to find something to interest you:

Men's and Youths' Suits

The balance of our stock of Men's and Youths' Spring and Summer Suits. Sizes broken, a few of a kind, all sizes in something.

One lot of Odd Suits, sizes 31 to 38, were \$8.47, now	\$5.47
One lot of Suits, sizes 32 to 42, regular \$10.00 and \$12.00 suits, reduced to	\$7.47
One lot of Suits, sizes 33 to 42, suits from our regular \$15.00 and \$16.50 lines, price reduced to	\$10.47
One lot of Suits, sizes 34 to 42, regular price \$18.00, mostly suits from A. Shuman & Co., now reduced to	\$12.47
One lot of Suits, sizes 35 to 42, suits from A. Shuman & Co., that were splendid values for the regular price, \$20.00, now reduced to	\$14.47
One lot of Suits, sizes 35 to 40 in Fancy Worsteds from A. Shuman & Co., splendid values for \$22.00, now reduced to	\$16.47

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

One lot Cotton Hose, Tan or Black, 15c. quality, now	9c
One lot Boys' 25c. Golf Caps, now	19c
One lot of Men's Police Braces, now	15c
One lot of Men's Suspenders, regular 25c. goods, for	15c

Straw Hat Bargains

Any Straw Hat in our store can now be had at a big reduction from regular prices. Cloth Hats at a cut price also. All must go.

50c. Straw Hats for Men, now	39c
\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men, now	75c
\$1.50 Straw Hats for Men, now	\$1.00
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Straw Hats for Men, now	\$1.50
25c. Straw Hats for Boys and Children, now	15c
50c. Straw Hats for Boys and Children, now	25c
25c. Cloth Hats for Children, now	19c
50c. Cloth Hats for Children, now	25c
25c. Peanut Straws for Men, Women and Girls, now	17c
Lot Odd Straw Hats, all grades, for Men, Boys and Children	10c
PANAMA HATS	
\$5.00 Panama Hats now	\$3.89
\$6.50 Panama Hats now	\$5.00

Boys' Knee Pant Suits

Ages 8 to 17

The balance of our Summer Fancy Suits for Boys now at cut prices.

\$3.00 Suits with Knickerbocker Trousers, reduced to	\$1.98
\$3.50 Suits with Knickerbocker Trousers, reduced to	\$2.50
\$5.00 Suits with Knickerbocker Trousers, reduced to	\$3.47
\$1.00 Khaki Suits, ages 4 to 14, reduced to	79c
\$1.50 Khaki Suits, ages 4 to 14, reduced to	\$1.00
75c. Blue Denim Suits, braid trimmed, ages 4 to 12, now	39c

Shoe Bargains

All our Tan Oxfords for Men and Boys now at a reduced price. All our Tan Oxfords for Women and Misses now at a cut price. Also many broken lines of Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords are offered at a greatly reduced price.

MEN'S OXFORDS

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords, now reduced to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords, now reduced to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords, now reduced to	\$3.00
One lot of broken sizes and odd pairs of Gun Metal, Patent and Tan Oxfords, about fifty pairs, in \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades, now go for	\$1.89

BOYS' OXFORDS

\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to	\$1.69
\$1.75 Black Vici Oxfords, now reduced to	\$1.00

LITTLE MEN'S OXFORDS

\$1.50 Tan Oxfords, now reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.50 Gun Metal and Black Vici Oxfords, now	\$1.00

MISSSES' OXFORDS

\$1.50 Tan Vici Oxfords, now reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.50 Tan Calf Oxfords, now reduced to	\$1.25
\$1.00 White Canvas Oxfords, now reduced to	69c

LADIES' OXFORDS

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords, now reduced to	\$2.25
\$2.50 Black Vici Oxfords, Queen Quality make, now reduced to	\$2.00
\$2.50 Gun Metal, Two Eyelet Ties, now	\$2.00
\$2.50 Gun Metal Strap Ties, now	\$2.00
\$1.50 and \$1.75 White Canvas Oxfords, now	79c

Men's Outing Trousers

Every pair in store now at a reduced price

\$2.50 Trousers now reduced to	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now reduced to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Trousers now reduced to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Trousers now reduced to	\$3.00

Neckwear

One lot 50c. Four-in-hands now	29c
One lot 25c. Four-in-hands now	17c
One lot Wash Four-in-hands now	9c

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

We are offering several lines of Summer Underwear at cut prices.

All our regular 25c. quality of Men's Balbriggan and the Black and White Mixture Shirts and Drawers, price reduced for this sale to	19c
All our regular 25c. quality of Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, price reduced for this sale to	19c
Our regular 50c. quality of Men's Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers now go for	35c
The well-known Porosknit Underwear for Men, regular 50c. grade, price reduced for this sale to	35c
Porosknit Boys' Underwear, regular 25c. goods, price for this sale	19c
Porosknit Union Suits for Men, regular \$1.00 goods, price for this sale	79c

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Sailor Blouse and Russian Blouse with the Sailor Collar Suits are now greatly reduced in price.

50c. Suits now reduced to	35c
75c. Suits now reduced to	49c
\$1.00 Suits now reduced to	69c
\$1.25 Suits now reduced to	69c

SPRAGUE'S RUSSIAN WASH SUITS

Made with the new patent coat.

\$1.00 Suits now reduced to	83c
\$1.25 Suits now reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.50 Suits now reduced to	\$1.19

Men's Summer Shirts

The following special price reductions are made for this sale only:

Your choice from any of our regular 50c. Summer Shirts, in Coat Style or Negligee Style for only	43c
Your choice from any of our regular \$1.00 Summer Shirts, made in the new Coat Style or the Negligee Styles for only	83c
One lot Black Sateen and Black Twill Working Shirts, regular 50c. grade now for	43c

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Mrs. J. R. Draper is at her mother's
cottage at Martha's Vineyard. Miss
Lillian is spending a month with col-
lege friends at Toledo, Ohio, and John
is at Mr. Vernon, N. H.

Mrs. John Wright and daughters
Frances and Alice are at South Roy-
alston, Vt.

Miss Mary J. Davis is visiting at
Mrs. John Warren Day's.

Miss Edith A. Wright has gone to
Covington, Va., for the remainder of
the long vacation to visit her sister,
Mrs. Clara Wright Anderson.

Miss Mary Morin is enjoying the
possession of a new automobile. What
was formerly a carriage house on
her premises, makes a most conven-
ient garage after being moved to a
more favorable location.

Miss Beatrice Sutherland is spend-
ing the summer vacation at the home
of her aunt, Mrs. L. J. Marden in
Woburn.

Mrs. Edward Fisher has been spend-
ing the week at camp at Forge pond.

The attendance was not up to aver-
age last Sunday at the Congregational
church, but those present heard a
good sermon by Mr. Wallace. In the
twenty-third Psalms. In the even-
ing H. G. Osgood conducted a well-
sustained service with "Lessons from
our dumb animals," as the topic.

Mrs. Wallace and daughters and
her sister, Mrs. Tarleton, and son,
remained at Swampscott for another
week and Mr. Wallace joined them
for the greater part of the week.

Since the welcome rain earlier in
the week, the Whitney park has been
a pleasant spot. During the pleasant
afternoons the click of the croquet
balls has gone merrily on and some
more or less scientific games have
been played by the members of the
new croquet club. Of course the sets
of tennis on the near-by court have
all been of the skillful variety.

A telephone has been installed in
the library and promises to be very
useful. The number is 41-2. Those
who live at a distance, who wish for
books on special subjects, or need to
have reference work done can often
save some delay by sending a mes-
sage in advance so that books may
be ready for them. It will not al-
ways be possible for the librarian
to answer promptly at the hours
when many are waiting at the desk,
and it will be appreciated if the tele-
phone is not used at mail time in
the evening, and at the time of clos-
ing school. If possible please avoid
calling the library between 2:30 and
three o'clock in the afternoon, and
7:30 and eight o'clock in the even-
ing.

Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher's many
friends are glad she is feeling some-
what stronger than last week.

Mrs. H. N. Jaques and daughter
Dorothy, who have been spending the
month of July at William Suther-
land's, have returned to their home
in Malden, and from there go for
the month of August to Crystal Lake,
near Haverhill, where they have
rented a camp.

In the early dawn on Thursday
morning, people were awakened by
the steady ringing of the Unitarian
church bells. Not a telephone sound-
ed, but as the church bell was the
time-honored custom of summoning
help, some of the good fire fighters
assembled to do their part. Every-
thing was very quiet aside from the
bell ringing and nobody could find
where the fire was. It was finally
decided that the steady old church
bell went on a sort of rampage of
its own, and instead of striking three
strokes struck three hundred.

Books Added to the Library.

Bryant, L. M. What pictures to see
in Europe 750-B1
Camp, W. Book of football 797-C
Clarke, E. C. Astronomy from a
dipper 523-C1
Doane, R. W. Insects and disease 614-I-D
Erskine, M. J. Wireless telephones 654-E
Fisher, H. W. Making life worth
while 615-F1
Fiske, G. W. Boy life and self gov-
ernment 364-F
Galsworthy, J. Justice, a tragedy 322-G
Palmer, G. H. Ideal teacher 371-F6
Smith, G. Reminiscences B-8445.2
Tappan, E. M. ed. Children's hour,
10 vol. 828-T
Whiting, R. R. Four hundred good
stories 517-W5

About Town.

The Chelmsford brass band will en-
tertain with music all who are en-
tertainable next Wednesday evening
at the village green at West Chelms-
ford. This band has stirring music
and knows how to stir it. Every-
body is welcome, afoot or horseback,
auto or alrship, electricity or steam.
Come and get a stir, and stir some
one else, and everybody will get a
contagious stir from the music.

West Chelmsford Sunday school
and those who hold friendly relations
with it, contributed one hundred per-
sons towards holiday enjoyments at
Willow Dale on Wednesday. They
went by special car.

Mrs. Bernhardt and two daughters
Katherine and Vesta of New York,
are guests at the prosperous Greig
farm, where growth the luscious red
strawberry and not the red leaf, and
the over-laden raspberry and black-
berry cane, which makes you query,
"Why this and still no rain?"

Rev. Seth W. Walker, the California
evangelist of Westford raising, is
holding revival meetings of the Sec-
ond Advent interpretation at Wake-

field. He is of the old Stony Brook
school training along the last of its
existence under the old independent
school district system. He has not
forgotten the power of language as
exemplified by his early teachers. He
is assisted in his labors at Wakefield
by J. E. Hall.

James A. Ryan, who perished in the
Porcupine fire in Canada, left a wife,
(Jennie Trull), to whom he had been
married only about a year. She will
be remembered as the daughter of
Arthur Trull, formerly of Westford
Corner. The funeral took place in
Lowell. Rev. Frank G. Alger of the
Pawtucket church conducted the serv-
ices. The bearers were relatives of
Mrs. Ryan—Frank, Charles M. and
Elmer E. Trull, and S. A. Holden.
Burial was in the Edison cemetery.

Charles W. Whitney on the Lowell
road, the busy man, has added busy
to busy in harvesting all the hay in
the John H. Decatur farm.

Rev. J. D. Sallee of Hanover and
Boston is playing the lawn tennis
court at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.
He knows how to preach and play
and not go astray.

The Westford A. A. play the Hand-
car A. A. of Leominster today. The
Westford team is going by electric
car.

The peat fire in the swamp of Mrs.
Sarah Drew is still doing business
and neither the spray pump of the
town nor the spray pump of the clouds
last Monday have been able to in-
duce it to go quit business.

We of the recent old district school
days were interestingly revived in
memory in reading the school days
story of old Number 2 Moors' school
of ye olden day of Groton, written by
Edward Adams Richardson of Ayer.
While most of us never got threshed
out at this particular Number 2
school, yet some of us remember
the particular Number 2 school where
we did get threshed out. The writer
was last clerk of the old Number 2
Stony Brook school, and had experience
as scholar.

Academy high school teacher, Dex-
ter Coggs, and Leon Hildreth,
played lawn tennis on Wednesday af-
ternoon at Whitney park against Mar-
den Seavey and John A. Taylor. The
Seavey crowd won by one and sev-
eral reserves for next court.

Miss Amy Schellenger of nearby
larger Boston, and others from small-
er Bostons are camping, tramping in-
doors and out at the Old Oaken Buck-
et farm. The old bucket is nearly
full.

Miss Pinder of Lowell made an
hour and five minutes' visit at the
Sunset farm on Francis hill, close to
the shadow of Stony Brook school.
Miss Pinder is a niece of Col. Albert
Pinder of Lowell.

The following expressive sentiment
on the death of the late Mrs. Elizabeth
Scott Wilson, written by a friend, was
received too late at the time of her
obituary notice:

We miss thee from our home Dear
Mother,
We miss thee from our care,
We miss thy fond and loving smile,
We miss thee everywhere.

Fatal Accident.

A fatal accident occurred on Oak
hill last week Friday, at the stone
quarry of Perkins & Colson. A large
boulder was being undermined by
Mr. Colson with the intention of
turning it over. Evidently there was
miscalculation in regard to the depth
of the stone in the ground, where the
dirt had not been removed, for with-
out warning it gave a lurch and
buried Mr. Colson beneath it, killing
him instantly. The stone was esti-
mated to weigh six tons.

Mr. Colson will be remembered by
Graniteville people as living in the
village a few years ago, being em-
ployed as blacksmith and tool sharp-
ener for various stone quarries. He
leaves a widow and one brother.

The funeral was held on Sunday
afternoon from the undertaking rooms
of the J. B. Currier Company, Lowell.
Rev. H. C. Moe of North Chelmsford
conducted the services. Burial was
in Abington.

Burglaries.

A sunlit house breaking was en-
acted sometime last Saturday fore-
noon at the new cottage residence of
Edmund B. Whitney on the Lowell
road, about one-quarter of a mile
west of Brookside. A gold watch and
suit of clothes were taken and every-
thing else scattered about in a
very impolite manner. Mr. Whitney
had just moved into his new home
and he is very much dissatisfied with
this kind of house warming. The
family were absent at the time, and
it is evident that some one well stock-
ed in cowardly courage was well in-
formed of what the house contained.
No chance house breaker would ever
have selected this unfinished two-
room cottage for gold watches.

Following this, the Westford sta-
tion was entered unlawfully on Sat-
urday evening. The telephone ma-
chinery was badly disarranged in
an attempt to get at the money con-
sideration which amounted to a small
contribution. Some tobacco and
cigars were added to the assets of the
uninvited visitor. This is the
second time this station has been
made to contribute in a small way to
a very small way of getting a living
within two months. Graniteville sta-
tion was entered same evening—same
system.

Graniteville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Law-
rence have been recent guests of Mr.
and Mrs. F. L. Furbush in this vil-
lage.

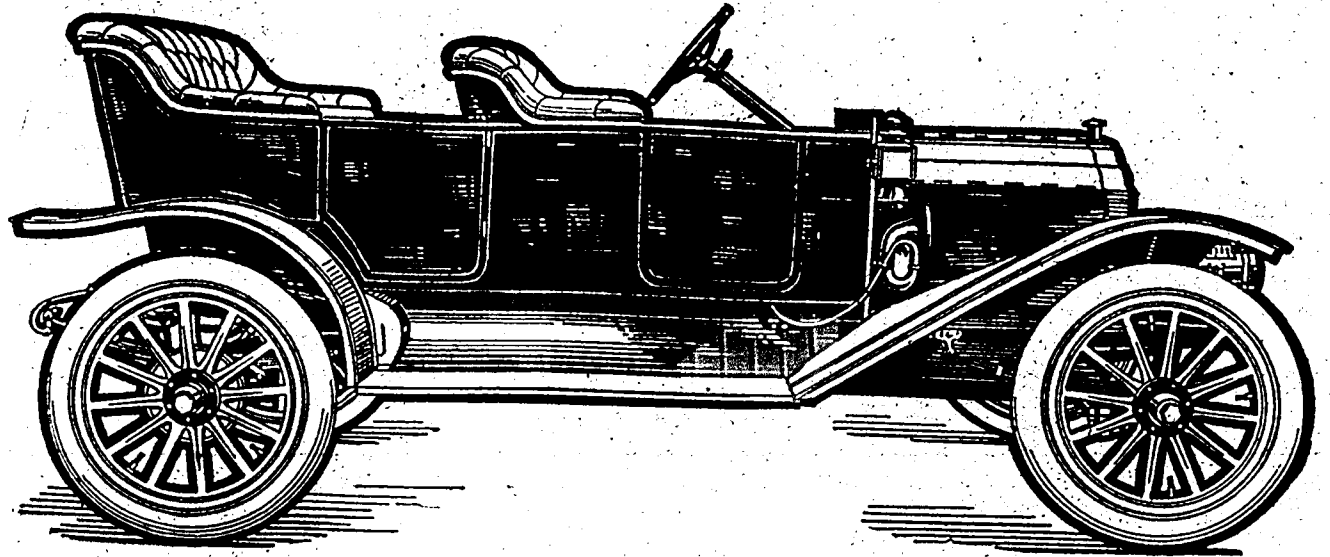
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beebe left here
this week for Liverpool, N. S., where
they will spend the next few weeks.

Mrs. P. H. Clark and niece, Miss
Molly Shea, of Worcester, have been
recent guests of Mrs. Hannah E. Har-
rington.

Baseball.

The Graniteville baseball club visit-
ed Lowell on Saturday and defeated
the strong Pawtucket Blues by the
decisive score of 10 to 0. The Lowell
boys got men on bases at various
stages of the game, but fast work

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by the Graniteville team kept them
from scoring.

Not a run was made for five innings
until Graniteville put one across and
this one served to put their opponents
"in the air," for the next nine runs
were made in the following four in-
nings. "Jack" Spinner of the Granite-
ville club pitched a great game, and
aside from shutting the opposing club
out he had thirteen strikeouts to his
credit. He was ably supported be-
hind the bat by his brother "Dick,"
while the whole team put a fast field-
ing game and batted well as the
score shows.

In today's game the local club plays
in West Chelmsford.

St. Catherine's Church.

In St. Catherine's church on Sun-
day morning two masses were cele-
brated by the pastor, Rev. Edmund
G. Schofield, both of which were
largely attended. Rev. Schofield an-
nounced that all the bills for the car-
penter work on the church had been
paid and all that remained were a few
bills of minor importance that they
were ready to settle for at any time
as had the ready money at hand.

Rev. Schofield was profuse in his
thanks for the generosity of the Ab-
bot Worsted Company, who have al-
ready contributed the sum of \$1,000
to the building fund. Their kindnes-
is greatly appreciated by the parish-
ioners of St. Catherine's church. Gifts
recently received to be used at the
services in the church were a beauti-
ful set of vestments given by the
Splain family of Forge Village in
memory of Patrick, Daniel E. and
John B. Splain; also, an altar cloth
trimmed with hand made lace, given
by John Quinn of Lawrence.

Forge Village.

Rev. Leon Field of Fitchburg officiated
at the services held at St. An-
drew's mission on last Sunday after-
noon. Mr. Fisher will also conduct
the services which are to be held at
the mission tomorrow at the usual
hour.

Frederick Taylor of this village was
married to Miss Helena Kilminster of
England at Boston on July 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harrison
of Lawrence spent the week-end at
the home of Mrs. Oldham of Pond
street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finn enter-
tained friends from Lawrence on
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardes of South Bos-
ton are visiting at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. James Wilson.

Miss Marion Blodgett is spending
the week in Worcester.

Miss Elsie Northrup of Pepperell
is visiting at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Fennimore Morton.

Miss Clara Chappell and her aunt,
Mrs. George Jackson, spent Thurs-
day at Old Orchard Beach Me.

William D. Hanley of Marlborough
is recuperating at the home of his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley,
after his serious illness.

Mrs. Albert B. Jones of Worcester,
together with Miss Ethel Jones, also
of Worcester, are visiting relatives
and friends in this village and Groton.

The Misses Clara Chappell, Eliza-
beth Spinner and Gladys Daly visited
Revere beach last Saturday and
spent a most enjoyable day.

The annual field day of the West-
ford fire department will be held in
this village on Saturday, August 5.
The three hose companies of Forge,
Graniteville and Westford will com-
pete for the silver cup which was
won by the John Edwards hose com-
pany last year. Besides a fine list
of sports, a banquet and dance
will be held in Abbot hall in the even-
ing.

James Berry of Lawrence and fam-
ily; also, Garfield Berry, his brother,
are spending the month at Mr. Holt's
cottage.

Miss Helen Lord, who has been
visiting at the home of her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, for the
past couple of months, has returned
to Lowell.

Mrs. H. E. Randall entertained Wal-
ter Bennett and three children at
West Townsend the past week.

Edwin Cherry has returned to New
York after a most enjoyable visit of
two weeks with his grandmother, Mrs.
M. A. Loutler. Mr. Cherry has pass-
ed his final examinations for a train-
ed nurse at the Long Island hospital,
N. Y.

Miss Caroline Precious is spending
the week visiting relatives in Towns-
end.

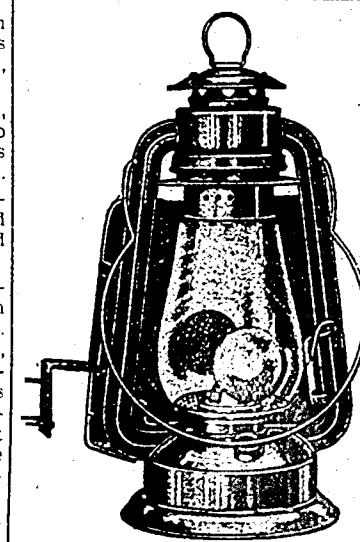
The Abbot Worsted Company close-
their mill Saturday for a week, dur-
ing repairs.

KILL MORE THAN WILD BEASTS.
The number of people killed yearly by
wild beasts don't approach the vast
number killed by disease germs. No life
is safe from their attacks. They're in
air, water, dust, even food. But gran-
d protection is afforded by Electric Bil-
l's disease germs from the system. That's
why chills, fever and ague, all malarial
and many blood diseases yield promptly
to this wonderful blood purifier. Try
them, and enjoy the glorious health and
new strength they'll give you. Money
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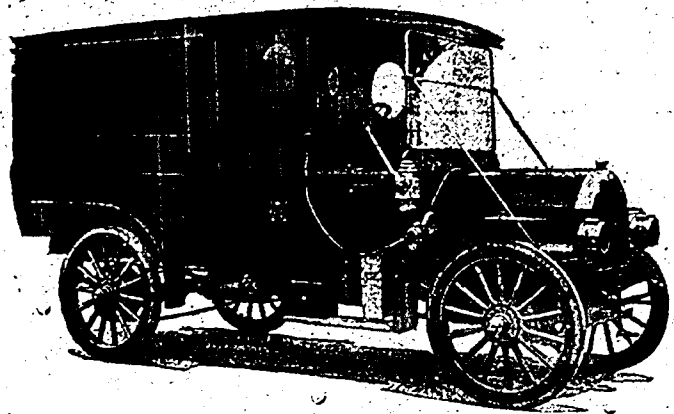


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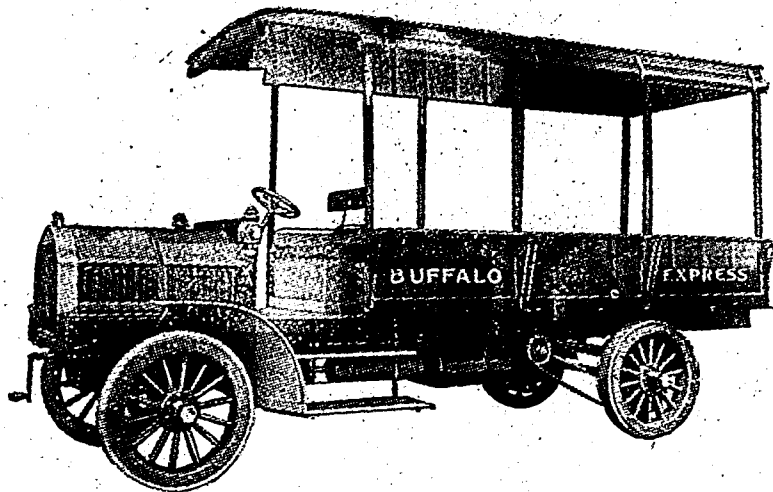


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TOWNSEND.

Center.
Clarence Mead and family have been at Boxborough visiting. Mr. Mead has been helping his father, Edgar Mead, of that town to get in his hay.

Spurgie Misner is enjoying a trip to his old home at New Cumberland, N. S. Clarence Parker is also to go to Nova Scotia for the rest of the summer.

Miss Bessie McGuire of Boston has been home for a few days on account of the indisposition of her mother. Daniel McKenzie left on Tuesday morning for Prince Edward Island, where he is to remain several weeks, visiting his mother, who is ninety-two years old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth have been the guests of Miss Lillian Hildreth at Waltham, and Saturday they enjoyed a shore dinner at Nantasket.

The annual Sunday school picnic will be held at Pepperell Springs, the same as last year, on Wednesday, August 9. It will be a joint picnic of the Baptist, Congregational and Methodist societies, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance. There will be games and races, the same as they had last season, which were greatly enjoyed by the young people. There will be a large team to convey those who wish to go in it, and others will take their own teams.

Will Lang of Boston, was in town this week prior to taking a sea voyage to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia during his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miller of Quincy were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fessenden over Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Harry L. Whitcomb visited Mrs. Addie Wilder at Ashby this week.

Ed. and Arthur Bliss took in the grocers' and marketmen's excursion on Wednesday.

Miss Evelyn Newton has been quite ill for the past week with laryngitis and bronchitis.

Mrs. George Brown of Shirley has gone to keep house in rooms in the Roy Brown tenement.

Samuel A. Woods has moved into the tenement back of the M. E. church recently occupied by the late Charles Fuller.

familarly known as the pump shop, was discovered to be on fire. The fire seemed to come from the roof and it was supposed at first that it had just caught and could be easily extinguished by the use of the company's own fire apparatus, so no general alarm was rung in, but it proved to be one of the most difficult and stubborn fires we have had here for some time. It was soon perceived that the fire had evidently started among the shoe kegs stored in the second story and had smoldered and burned its way out through the roof.

The company soon saw it was necessary to lay all the hose they had, besides getting that belonging to the town. The volumes of dense smoke that increased and poured from the building nearly overcame several of the firemen who were trying to get at the seat of the trouble, which was most difficult to do on account of this smoke. The fire had worked its way in among the kegs and not until they could be got at and thrown outdoors could the fire be checked. They were more than one hour in getting the fire under control.

The steamer was then called out and set by the river bank in readiness for use should the hydrants give out, but they did not have to call for its help. The damage was confined more especially to the inside of the building and to a large amount of shoe kegs which were stored there. The damage is covered by insurance.

Death.
"Uncle John" Dix, as he is known to all, and the second oldest man in this town, died at his home on Tuesday afternoon. He was ninety-four years old last March and has, up to within a couple of years, retained nearly all his faculties, to a remarkable degree, but gradually he became more feeble until at the last he was quite helpless and took to his bed. At an advanced age he was a familiar figure to all as he walked down town with cane in hand and egg basket hung on his arm.

On his ninetieth birthday he was able to attend a reception tendered to him in the evening by his friends in the M. E. church. He built the house now occupied by Benjamin Burgess, but was forced to lose considerable property through his trust in dishonest people, for Uncle John believed all were just as honest and straightforward as he always was. His late years were spent on a little farm north of the village.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church on Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Robertson officiating. Mr. Dix was twice married, the present wife being a sister of Mrs. Rufus Brown of this town, and of James Gilson of Ashby. She has the sympathy of all in her loss. There were no children

or near relatives. Old and young regret the death of "Uncle John," and all could learn a lesson from his simple and kindly life.

Baseball.

About five hundred people witnessed the second game with the Westford A. A. last Saturday at the local grounds, which resulted in the defeat of the home team for the first time this season. Having met defeat before, our old time rivals decided this time to bring up an aggregation that would do us up and retained on their team only three men who were up here in the previous game, and produced in their stead five star players from around Boston, besides Cameron, a former National leaguer, which must have caused them to dig down deep in their pockets to pay expenses.

The game was close and exciting, and in the eighth inning the score stood 2 to 1 in the visitors' favor. The plucky little home team, all home boys excepting one from Pepperell, kept the visitors well in hand up to the very last, but in the ninth inning over-anxiety and the noise and confusion caused a breakup, which added three more to Westford's score, which made it 5 to 1.

The local players deserve great credit in keeping the score so close until the final inning. For the first five innings nothing was recorded on the blackboard but goose eggs. In the sixth, O'Neil for the visitors, made a hit which was followed by the sacrifices of Hayes and Hartford, the former's went through Knight who quickly recovered it and threw to Parker, who didn't hold the throw. Piper's short hit then brought them in with their two runs.

The locals tried hard to get back, but all their efforts were stopped by great field work. There were no scores in the seventh, and the home team got their run in the eighth with two men gone. Teehan hit a fine three-bagger and Eastman's swift drive brought him home. The team tried hard to tie the score, spurred on by the home rooters, but O'Neil was equal to the occasion.

In the final inning the visiting rooters put in and did their best work and the three other runs were added to the score. Spiller fled to left. Cameron got a safe hit and Frazier hit a three-bagger, clearing the bases. Kennedy then hit through short, getting Frazier home for the third run of the inning. The summary follows:

WESTFORD A. A.										
	ab	r	bb	tb	po	a	e			
Hayes, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartford, lf.	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Piper, 3b.	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Knolly, 1b.	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spiller, ss.	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cameron, rf.	3	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Frazier, 2b.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kennedy, c.	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
O'Neil, p.	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	5	9	11	27	11	4			

TOWNSEND A. A.										
	ab	r	bb	tb	po	a	e			
Keefe, ss.	4	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0
Bartlett, c.	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Teehan, cf.	4	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eastman, 3b.	4	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Laney, 2b.	4	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Whitcomb, lf.	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Swicker, rf.	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, 1b.	4	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0
Knight, p.	3	0	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	7	10	27	9	5			

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Westford A. A. 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 3—5
Townsend A. A. 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1

Two-base hits—Teehan. Three-base hits—Frazier, Teehan. Double plays—Knight to Eastman, Keefe to Laney. Bases on balls—By O'Neil 1, by Knight 2. Struck out—By O'Neil 10, by Knight 4. Stolen bases—Hayes, Twombly, Cameron. Sacrifices—Hayes, Hartford. Wild pitches—O'Neil, Knight. Hit by pitched ball—Frazier. Empire. McGrail. Time—2h. 20m. Attendance—90.

West Townsend.
James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., is at his summer cottage, Elm lodge, with his family for a few days.

Mrs. Wright of Ashby, formerly Miss Edith Scott, who was employed in this village for a number of years, visited her sister, Mrs. Herman Woods, this week.

Miss Nancy Reed is entertaining Miss Chu from Pekin, China, who is in this country being educated at Cushing academy, Ashburnham.

Mrs. Thomas Veno has recovered from her illness and returned to her home in Josselynville.

Arthur Pierce of Boston is at present employed at Vose and intends to move his family there in the near future.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt is spending a vacation with her son in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan are entertaining Miss Whitney from Boston at their home.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach on Sunday morning on the third of the series of parable sermons, the topic being "The grain of mustard seed." At the open air service in the evening, Rev. F. D. Durgin, pastor of the Bromfield Street Methodist church in Boston, will address the people, the service commencing at 6.45.

Preparations are being made for a union picnic of the three Sunday schools in town, to be held at Pepperell Springs on August 9.

Mrs. Rouse entertained her daughter, Mrs. Sterns and relatives from Lowell the first of the week.

Mr. Hood and daughters from Beverly are stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bond.

Miss Lizzie McAllie, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Roebuck, has returned to New York, where she will spend the remainder of her vacation with friends in Yonkers.

Fred A. Patch of Josselynville, is spending a few days with his wife at Oakledge, East Hartsell, Me., leaving Boston on the evening boat, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Woods and daughter Ella spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Scott in Mason, N. H.

Ivers P. Sherwin and family spent Sunday at their cottage at Ward pond, Ashburnham, and Mrs. Mary Tucker and her daughter Stella visited relatives in that vicinity.

Miss Grace Seaver of Montclair, N. J., who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to Boston for the remainder of her vacation.

stopping with her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Ormsby.

Edward E. Seaver of Philadelphia was at his home here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and family from Stoughton are stopping at the Squannacook hotel.

John McElligott of Boston is with his family at R. McElligott's for a few days.

Leslie Hurley from the Center is employed at the town farm assisting Mr. Whitney in the haying and farm work.

Lawrence Thorpe, little son of William Thorpe, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. S. L. Shapleigh in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer have left for their annual summer sojourn at Prout's Neck, Me.

Mrs. Roy Kaddy from Lowell has been spending a few days at her home on Main street.

Little Gertrude Hamilton has been quite seriously ill with a severe attack of stomach trouble.

Mrs. Charles R. Morgan has been on the sick list, but is now rapidly recovering.

Mr. Brownley from California is assisting at C. T. McDormond's blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Timmins from California is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Taylor's.

Miss Brown of East Boston is a guest of her uncle, Charles R. Morgan.

George Roebuck and family have closed their cottage and gone to Prout's Neck, Me., for the remainder of the summer. Mr. Roebuck being employed as chauffeur for Mr. Homer.

A brush fire was discovered in the Mead pasture near the granite quarry Sunday noon and an alarm was rung calling out the firemen as the high wind threatened to spread the flames very rapidly. After several hours of hard work the blaze was confined to about one acre of pasture land and little damage was done. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Miss Mildred Basford of Peabody is spending a vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Powers.

Mrs. Sonenberg and Mrs. Christie and grandchildren of New York, are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. George Hildreth.

Harry Streeter of Waltham was at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Streeter of Josselynville last week, and Frank Adams of Boston spent Sunday with his family at the Adams farm on Bayberry hill.

Mervin Hodgman is singing Sunday mornings with the mixed quartet at the Congregational church at the Center.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.
Miss Dodge and a friend are at the cottage.

Helen and Ruth Proctor are visiting Mrs. Armstrong in Reading. Elden and Dana Staples of Wakefield are at their grandmother's, Mrs. Blodgett. Elden is a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

New Superintendent.
Dunstable has a new school superintendent in the person of Mr. Pauli, who also has charge of the schools of Pepperell, Harvard and Bolton. He is recommended as a worker, and one who can raise the standard of the schools. It is hoped that he is a man who can stand on his own feet—one who is looking for the whole good of the child, who will not be dominated by prejudices, or personalities, or be cajoled, or flattered. School life, especially for those in early years, is too serious a thing to be trifled with. An earnest, honest and broad-minded school official wields an influence for great good on the community.

Since the formation of the district for school superintendent, some fifteen years ago, Dunstable has been associated with Carlisle and Chelmsford. In the meantime Chelmsford, having several thriving villages has grown in population, having more schools and teachers, and requires the services of a superintendent by herself, this requiring the two smaller towns to seek supervision elsewhere. The relations have been harmonious and good work has been done by Mr. Knowlton, F. L. Kendall, A. P. Briggs and B. E. Martin.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The apple and peach crop in Groton will not be heavy this year. There will be a larger crop of early apples than the later varieties.

The heavy downpour of rain on Monday was welcomed as a great blessing by all Groton. The garden and field crops have freshened up greatly under its effect.

The cottage on Shumway field, sometimes called "The Shumway cottage," is undergoing repairs and being put in readiness for the occupancy by Mrs. Fanny Sampson and family.

The Baptist picnic held at Whalom park on Tuesday proved most enjoyable every way, the weather being ideal for such an outing. Somewhere about sixty attended. Johnson's four-horse barge carried half the number, the remainder going by trolley or by the two or three private teams that drove over. Starting at 8.30 in the morning and returning after eight o'clock in the evening, the picnickers had a long and happy day with no untoward event to mar their pleasure. The expenses were covered, we understand, by the proceeds of a church social and supper given by the young people of the society last spring.

Monday morning, about six o'clock, while George S. Prescott had gone to drive his cows to pasture, a man boldly stole the can of milk Mr. Prescott had put in the usual place for the driver of the milk wagon to collect. Mrs. Derby, Mr. Prescott's housekeeper, came out to feed the hens just in time to see the man grab the can, hurrying with it into the barn yard and away over the hill. The astonished woman had just time to call out, "Well have not you the cheek?" before the thief disappeared. Milk is scarce and this unrecognized somebody wanted to get eight quarts free.

Rev. P. H. Cressey will preach from his own pulpit at the First Parish Unitarian church next Sunday, after which the church will be closed during the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Erving went last week Wednesday to stay several weeks at their place in Intervale, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Osgood of Champey street went on Monday for a week's visit among former acquaintances and neighbors in Ashby.

J. E. Adams is getting well over the results of being kicked by a horse a while ago. For the past ten days a doctor has looked after the injury.

Miss Ellen Potter of Palm Beach, Fla., was a guest of the Gerrishes at their Baddacook camp last week.

The Browns took a two-days' trip in their auto this week, going to Brant Rock and other places. Besides themselves, their roomy Cadillac carried Mrs. Mary Bailey, Cornelius Bailey and Mrs. B. J. Crowley.

Miss Annie L. Gilson, going last Saturday morning, is enjoying an outing at Ocean Park, Me., which she finds a very pleasant summer resort.

Friends in town of Mrs. Donald Graham hear from her at her home in Franklin, N. H., that she has been much out of health and is suffering from an enlargement of the liver.

Mr. Dunham has charge of Mrs. Ellis' "Brown Loan" farm, in place of L. G. Rowe, who has hired and is occupying the D. Graham place in that neighborhood.

Mrs. Emmeline Smith is spending the week with her niece, Mrs. Alice Gay.

Miss Lilly Collier, from Wollaston, spent several days this week with her mother, Mrs. Estella Collier, at Mr. Raddin's.

Dr. Eugene Darling of Cambridge, who has a summer home here, took his family and the C. H. Gerrishes on an auto ride in his fine large Stevens-Duryea car last Sunday afternoon, going first to the camp of C. F. Worcester and E. B. Gerrish on Shaboken lake, Harvard, and afterwards lunching on Prospect hill, near Miss C. E. Sear's place.

William H. Gay, father of Deacon H. H. Gay of Groton, died at his home in Peabody on Monday morning. The funeral was on Wednesday afternoon.

Hon. Frederick A. Putnam of Charlton, with his wife and two daughters, Miss Florence and Miss Nellie, spent the week-end with his uncle, Rev. G. M. Howe, returning home on Monday forenoon.

Benjamin Holmes of Pleasant street, who has been poorly for some weeks is now critically ill. His daughter was telephoned for and came on Monday to assist in caring for him.

Miss Alta Gilson, with her younger sister, Elsie, children of W. J. Gilson of Millbury, have been recent visitors at the home of their aunt, Mrs. James T. Bennett.

Charles Woolley's son-in-law, Geo. H. Cook, station agent at Lee, N. H., has accepted a position as train despatcher at Nashua, N. H., and is about moving to that city with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton, going Saturday, made a short visit to their friends, the Wetherbees, at their bungalow in Townsend, Mr. Boynton returning Monday and Mrs. Boynton staying a little longer.

H. H. Gay had a can of milk stolen recently from the brook near his place where the can of milk was put to cool. The can was fastened by a rope to a stake. The can, rope and stake were all taken.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Sullivan has been with her children occupying for the past two weeks a bungalow on her old home place on North Main street, going towards the mill neighborhood. Her husband, Patrick Sullivan, drives to and from his place of business in Peperell.

Per. A. J. Hovey of Caloosa, Fla., and son Harold, coming last week Friday, are at A. W. Shattuck's. Mrs.

Hovey, who has been with her sick sister at East Providence, R. I., came on Thursday. They will spend the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage at Baddacook. When Mr. Hovey was settled here as pastor of the Baptist church, they spent an earlier anniversary of their marriage at Baddacook, and it has been a cherished plan of theirs to spend this silver wedding anniversary at the same place on July 25.

Rev. S. R. Vinton and family, after an interval of absence, returned to their camping at Baddacook. Prof. John Bunker of Harvard college, Mrs. Vinton's brother, is coming soon with his mother and sister, to occupy another camp at Baddacook.

Miss Mary Crowley from Boston is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. David Toomey.

The grange lawn party last Tuesday night, held on the grounds around the town house, was well attended. The Japanese lanterns when lighted up made a very pretty scene. The grange orchestra furnished music and also the Groton brass band. Tonics and ice cream were well patronized. A dance followed at the close in town hall.

The driveway up to Mrs. E. A. Barrows is closed by the Boston and Maine authorities. They find it necessary to take this driveway in order to carry out their work on the new bridge and double tracking which is being done. Mrs. Barrows temporarily goes through her neighbor's field to get from her house to the main road. The Boston and Maine will later make a new and permanent entrance for her. The old driveway entrance to her residence has been used for more than one hundred years.

Cedric Hodgman is at home and is going, it is said, to work in West Groton.

Mrs. C. E. Greenwood is ill with a severe neuralgia trouble requiring a doctor's attention.

Miss Fannie E. Woods is camping out this week with Mr. Pierce's family at their cottage at Sandy pond. Miss Woods is talking of going to Marblehead next week.

Miss Myra Morrill from Connecticut is visiting Miss Margaret Clough. Mr. and Mrs. Miller's infant was christened Elizabeth Mary at the Sacred Heart church last Sunday.

Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods and children leave next week Tuesday for Fortune's Rock, Me.

Mrs. Minnie E. Moore and family expect to get moved into their new home—the apartments over their store—by Monday of next week. Miss Helen M. Moore will move about the same time, or a little sooner, into her newly finished house, where she will occupy some of the rooms. Miss Moore will rent the rooms she does not need for her own use.

Miss Sarah Coughlin from the millinery department at R. H. White's, is at home for the month of August. Master Boyle and his younger sister from Cambridge are visitors at Mr. Coughlin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, who have been occupying the Thomas Aitken cottage at A. Lawrence's, returned home on Friday morning to their own tenement at J. E. Adams' on Elm street.

J. E. Adams, who is now able to sit up, was pleased to receive the first of the week a handsome bouquet of flowers from the Odd Fellows, showing he was remembered as he was laid by from work.

Last week Thomas Aitken spent the week-end with Mrs. Aitken and others of the family at North Waterboro, Me., all returning home this week Thursday.

Mrs. Boynton's latest letter from her son William was written from Paris. The three young men embark soon for their return home, having visited a number of cities, among them Manchester, London, Hague, Amsterdam, Rouen and several others, making what must have been an interesting and enjoyable as well as an instructive experience.

Mr. Letender of Pepperell is working for J. L. Gilson completing his permanent well, which is supplied with tile and other modern improvements.

Accident.

Frank, son of George H. Woods had a trying and unfortunate experience last week Tuesday. He was mowing with his father's span of horses when he left for just a moment to get a fork, dropping the reins around the neck of the horses, which drew the reins tighter around a bolt, and at this time they continued backing and finally before they were reached, backed into a ditch and went over and down, machine and horses all in a tangle. Mr. Woods and a hired man were fortunately nearby and extricated the horses, but not before they were badly cut, one of them so severely that it could not have survived long before bleeding to death. A veterinary was quickly summoned and has had care of them since. The horses are a valuable span bought by Mr. Woods last fall. They are coming out all right.

West Groton.

W. V. Bixby and family held their annual Whalom picnic last Saturday. They were accompanied by the children of the Clark family and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Mrs. Herbert Brown of Foxboro and Mr. Trefethen of Ayer are visiting relatives in town.

Little Catherine Hancock of Beachmont is spending the week with her cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber.

Jerome Bowles is employed at the leatherboard mill, boarding at his home in Groton.

H. Spaulding, R. F. D. carrier, is taking his vacation, the route being served by his substitute, J. T. Shepley. This half route now serves fifty-six families, a percentage of 77 plus.

Going by automobile Mr. and Mrs. Dudley and son enjoyed a trip to Danvers recently. Mr. Dudley returned on the following day, leaving

his family for a more extended vacation.

The A. A.'s played against a Clinton nine last Saturday and were defeated. It is understood that the score was 16 to 7, though the report has not been verified. The Crescents have discontinued play for the remainder of the summer.

George Gay was called to New Jersey last Sunday by the sudden illness of his wife, who is visiting her sister. Mrs. Gay has been in poor health for some time, but was apparently better when left by Mr. Gay but a few days before. Nothing further has been learned.

Miss Grace Bixby gave her friends a pleasant surprise last Saturday evening. Spending Sunday at her home she returned to her hospital duties in Boston on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby visited their son Clifford in Waltham last Sunday, returning on Monday. The trip was made in Mr. Bixby's new Reo.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and daughter Marion have returned from a visit with relatives in Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sleeper of Attleboro and little daughter Elizabeth are spending their vacation at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Sleeper, of North Shirley.

Mrs. Slocum of Yonkers, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earle Sleeper.

George Lee Bixby is the newly elected president of the C. E. society, and Miss Sylvia Lawrence, vice president.

Miss Edna Bowles of Groton spent Thursday at Mrs. A. H. Thompson's.

Mr. Hamilton, occupying the tenement in the building known as the Adams storehouse, has started a business in fish, fruit and vegetables, going out daily with a delivery wagon.

Water Supply.

The third meeting of the citizens of West Groton on business relative to a water supply was held last Saturday evening in Squannacook hall and was well attended. The meeting was called to order by F. A. Torrey of the board of selectmen. G. S. Webber was chosen clerk and Charles Bixby moderator. It was unanimously voted that an act to establish the West Groton water supply district and provide for supplying said district with water be accepted, the act being chapter 641 of the acts of the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts of 1911.

Under article four of the warrant it was voted that a water supply system be established and that the carrying out of the same should be placed in charge of a board of commissioners to be elected. The commissioners were elected by ballot as follows: A. W. Lamb, G. H. Bixby and A. H. Thompson to serve three years, two years and one year respectively.

Under article six the following motion was unanimously carried: That the treasurer of the West Groton water supply district be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$25,000 for the purpose named in the legislative act 641, before mentioned, and to issue therefor notes, bonds or scrip of said district. Such notes, bonds and scrip shall bear on their face the words "West Groton water supply district water loan" and shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue. They shall bear interest, payable semi-annually, at a rate not exceeding 4 1/2% per annum and shall be signed by the treasurer of said water district and be countersigned by the board of commissioners.

The board of water commissioners is hereby authorized to sell such securities at public or private sale or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purpose of this loan, upon such terms and conditions as the board may deem proper, provided that no bond, note or scrip shall be sold for less than the par value thereof. And in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of said chapter 641 of the acts of 1911, said notes, bonds or scrip shall be payable with accrued interest in thirty annual proportionate payments of \$823.33 each from December 1, 1912, to December 1, 1941, inclusive.

All motions were carried unanimously. Such unanimity of opinion in a gathering of this nature is so unusual as to be worthy of note. That among between thirty and forty voters not one dissenting voice was heard shows not only that West Groton is desperately in need of water and determined to have it but also that great confidence is felt in those chosen for the work of establishing the district and conducting its business.

Visited by Inspector.

Mr. Sawyer of Vermont, R. F. D. Inspector, was in the village on Thursday and accompanied the regular carrier on his route. He is considering the advisability of several changes in the route; also, of an extension over Bixby hill. Red tape unwinds itself very slowly, however, and it probably will be some months before these changes, if made, will have been acted upon by the postoffice department. This route of thirteen and one-fourth miles, serves to its patrons an average of three thousand pieces monthly, while five thousand pieces is considered satisfactory work on a full route of twenty-four miles. The inspector left directions that all patrons should be requested to see that their mail boxes are placed with the end parallel to the road, no other position being allowed.

AYER.

News Items.

Clarence Wetherbee is having a house built for him on Jackson street by L. W. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. James Macaulay of Medford and their two children are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rhymer.

The members of Harbinger lodge,

Knights of Pythias, and Harbinger temple, Pythian Sisters, attended the Baptist church last Sunday evening, where a sermon appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas.

Fifteen persons went to Lake Winnepesaukee on the excursion Wednesday from here.

The Riverview laundry of Concord was burned on Thursday morning, the loss being \$12,000. The building was a one-story structure and fifty girls were employed there, all of whom got out of the burning building safely. Most of the contents of the laundry were saved. P. H. McNiff of Littleton is the agent of the laundry in this vicinity and is well-known here. C. F. Connors and N. E. Tolman are the proprietors of the laundry.

Several members of the local Aerie of Eagles attended the exercises in connection with the New England field day of the order at Lawrence on Thursday.

Roderick McDonald is spending two weeks in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Thomas Miller and daughter, Miss Hazel E. Miller, sailed from Boston on Tuesday morning for England, where they will make an extended visit with relatives.

Jesse Angell of Hudson was in town on Wednesday. Mr. Angell was a resident of this town for many years. He started to work for the railroad company here fifty-three years ago, and thirty-four years ago left here for Hudson, where he has since lived.

A new cement walk is to be laid on Williams street in front of the Woods place and the curbing moved to the line of the sidewalk, which has been lowered and straightened. The work will necessitate the removal of the trees which stand in the line of the sidewalk.

Deputy grand warden J. A. Hunt of Fitchburg and acting deputy grand guide Harry Smith made an official visit to Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., at the meeting last Tuesday evening. After the meeting light refreshments were served.

Levi S. Gould of Melrose, the veteran county commissioner of Middlesex county, has had papers filed for him as the republican candidate, with town clerk, Guy Remick.

Harvey W. Winslow returned from the Clinton hospital on Wednesday where he was recently operated on for appendicitis.

The restaurant of Mrs. M. J. Hill on Merchants' row is now being conducted by Mrs. Annie Clark in the absence of Mrs. Hill, who is managing the Lakeview park at Whalom for the season.

Mrs. A. B. Mosher has moved from the house she has been occupying with her brother, D. L. Chandler, on Holmes street, to the house on Third street recently vacated by Charles Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Dole arrived on Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. W. Nutting, where they will make their home.

Mrs. E. G. Sawyer has been appointed a member of the reception committee of the national convention of the W. R. C. at Rochester, N. Y., which will be held next month. Mrs. Sawyer has also been appointed a department inspector by the department president of Massachusetts.

District Court.

John A. Hart, proprietor of the New Union house, pleaded guilty in court on Tuesday morning to maintaining a common nuisance and the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor. He was fined fifty dollars on each complaint. He paid and was discharged from custody.

George S. Poulius, charged with violation of Chapter 57, Sec. 22 of the revised laws, pleaded not guilty on Tuesday morning. He was found guilty and fined ten dollars, which he paid. The charge against the defendant was that he sold berries in boxes that did not meet the legal requirements in regard to their size. An inspector from the state department of sealers of weights and measures made the complaint. While here he visited other places in town looking over the weights and measures. This law concerns the sale of berries in boxes, or dry measure, and the sale by liquid measure of these goods is also illegal and those doing so are liable to get into court.

The defendant said that it is hard to get boxes of fruit or berries of the legal size from the wholesale merchants, who receive the goods from outside the state and consequently are not amenable to the state law of Massachusetts, but the interstate law, so long as these merchants ship them to their retail customers in the original packages.

The inspector said that the local sealers of weights and measures were responsible for the non-enforcement of the law and that the state authorities have found it very difficult to get local sealers of weights and measures to do their work properly.

Alexander Bulger of Shirley was brought into court on Thursday morning by Chief of police Goodwin for violation of his probation. He was sentenced to the house of correction at East Cambridge for three months.

Frank Dalley and Richard Cooper of Shirley was in court yesterday morning charged with breaking and entering in that town. The cases were continued until this morning by request of John M. Maloney, who is counsel for the accused men. They were ordered to furnish bail in the sum of \$1,000 each for their appearance at that time which they failed to furnish and were committed.

A gold watch valued at about forty dollars and a ring worth eighteen dollars, which were stolen last April, have been recovered by Chief of police Beatty, who located the stolen articles through clever detective work. The watch was stolen from James Burns of this town and the ring from the home of William H. Smith of Still River. The watch was found in the possession of a lady here and the

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ring was located through the Nashua police in that city. As a result of further investigation the chief placed Thomas Van Ess of Ayer under arrest for larceny of the missing articles. He appeared in court yesterday morning and the case was continued till this morning, the defendant recognizing in \$200 bail.

Autos Collide.

George B. Spring, superintendent of the Ayer electric lighting company figured in a bad automobile accident at Leominster last Tuesday night while his machine was being driven along Main street in that town near Merriam avenue. Another automobile, driven by Hamilton Mayo of Leominster, came along in the opposite direction. Mr. Mayo was on the right side of the road and Mr. Spring was on left till he came within a short distance of the other machine. Mr. Mayo, thinking to avoid an accident, turned sharply to the left at the same time Mr. Spring turned to the right. The result was a side collision in which Mr. Mayo's machine received decidedly the worst of the impact. Both automobiles were put out of commission and had to be towed to a garage. Mr. Spring's was a new Oldsmobile runabout.

Three boys were in Mr. Mayo's machine and were more or less injured. Their names were Eugene Kingman, ten years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kingman of Leominster, and Lawrence and Leon Hadley, aged eight and ten years respectively, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hadley. The Kingman boy received a deep cut over the right temple which Dr. A. A. Wheeler was obliged to take eight stitches to close. The other boys were taken to the office of Dr. M. H. Chrystal, formerly of Ayer, where they received medical treatment. The younger of the two Hadley boys is quite seriously injured, the other received minor injuries.

Churches to Cooperate.

The committee of the Methodist church on federation met last Saturday afternoon. Rev. George H. Spencer, the district superintendent, was present and gave his cordial approval to the action of the committee in unanimously favoring cooperation or federation with the Congregational church on terms just to both churches, having at heart the progress of the kingdom of God and the best good of the town. A joint meeting of the committees representing the two churches was held on Tuesday evening, July 25, at the Congregational church.

The committee representing the Congregational church was composed of Augustus Lovejoy, Dr. E. H. Hopkins and A. M. Winslow, Frank C. Johnson and Mrs. Clara Richardson, the other members, being unavoidably absent. The committee representing the Methodist church was George B. Turner, Henry G. Turner, Samuel J. Andrew and Herbert J. Webb. It was decided that the Congrega-

tional church be used for preaching, the minister to be supplied by the Methodist conference, and that the Methodist church be used for all other purposes; that a committee of six, three from each church, should have charge of the finances; and that the societies of the church be advised to merge into one body. Everything in connection with the above business was unanimously passed.

There will be a meeting at the Congregational church on Friday evening, August 11, when the members of that church will vote upon the action of its committee. A similar meeting will be called by the Methodist church later, the arrangements for which have not yet been made.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church, the pastor will preach, the theme for the morning being "Jesus, the Christ." The address at the evening service will be on "The character and message of Elijah." Rev. Richmond Flisk is at Wilton, N. H., and can be reached by telephone, in care of George S. Busse. At St. Andrew's church tomorrow at eleven o'clock, morning prayer and sermon.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The Southworth sisters of Dorchester, Mass., are spending two weeks at Mrs. Jason Read's.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers are receiving congratulations on the advent of their first grandchild, Elizabeth Powers McKenzie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McKenzie of Meriden, Conn.

Harold Hardy has been appointed by the New Hampshire Experimental Station to inspect orchards in New Hampshire. He has already commenced his duties. Mr. Hardy is the son of C. E. Hardy, who won the Draper cup at the New England fruit show in Boston in October, 1909. Harold is a graduate of the state college and turned his attention to fruit culture while there, and is well qualified for the duties of inspector.

The net proceeds of the entertainment, "Scenes in a Union depot," given by the Y. P. S. C. E., July 19, were forty-six dollars. It will be added to the piano fund, for which the society is raising money.

Miss Berle Read left Hollis on July 20, for a week's visit at Old Orchard, Me., with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. MacFarland are entertaining Mr. Farland's mother and sister from Cambridge, Mass.

Dr. W. H. Fox of Washington, D. C., is spending some time in Hollis. He is stopping with Miss Abbie Read. Derry A. A. team came to Hollis on Saturday afternoon, July 22, for a game of baseball with Hollis A. A. They played on the home field, Derry A. A. winning the game by a score of 9 to 5.

Miss Ethel Goodwin returned home last week Saturday after a few days' visit in Mason with relatives.

AYER.

News Items.

The Unitarian Alliance will have a special meeting in the vestry of the church this afternoon at three o'clock.

Joe Pirone and wife of Watertown are visiting his brother, James Pirone.

The bridge spanning the Nashua river at Woodsville, and which is jointly the property of the towns of Ayer and Shirley, is being re-planked under the direction of Lewis Lapointe, the town of Shirley paying one-half the cost of the work.

Mrs. Hartwell Kidder and her brother, Stanley Chaffin, left on Monday noon for a visit of two weeks with their uncle, F. B. Atherton, at Greenfield.

The work of macadamizing West Main street as voted at the last annual town meeting, has been given to the Hessam Paving Company of Worcester. The amount raised for the purpose is \$1,000. It is expected that the work will commence first of the coming week. C. L. Farnsworth will have charge of the work.

The Boston and Maine railroad company is having a walk of crushed stone laid where the daily Bar Harbor trains stop on the connecting track between the Worcester, Nashua and Portland and the Lowell divisions.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mary Anna (Hartwell) Richardson, wife of Joseph H. Richardson of this town, died at her home on Nashua street on Tuesday morning, July 25, aged 75 yrs. 11 mos. 15 days. Mrs. Richardson was the daughter of John H. and Caroline (Shattuck) Hartwell, and was born in Groton on August 10, 1835, and was married on November 26, 1856.

With the exception of a few years in Vermont and New Hampshire, her life has been passed in this immediate vicinity. She was of a retiring nature and much devoted to her husband and family.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her husband and sons, Edward A. Richardson of Ayer, and Francis J. Richardson of Grafton, and daughters, Florence J. Richardson of Ayer, Edith, wife of Harlan K. Nutting, of Milwaukie, Wis., and Bertha, wife of Alden C. Heffer of Hyde Park, and an only brother, Samuel N. Hartwell, who resides in Germania, Wis.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at her late home. Rev. Louis E. Perry of Hudson, N. H., formerly of this town, was the officiating clergyman and the burial was in Woodlawn cemetery in Ayer.

Mrs. Caroline Elizabeth (Whiting) Taft died at her home last Sunday evening of cerebral hemorrhage, after an illness extending over a period of nearly four months. Mrs. Taft was born in Cumberland, R. I., May 17, 1824, where she spent her early life. She married Benjamin F. Taft at Wilkinsonville, on July 3, 1848. She came to this place, then called Groton Junction, in 1853, and has lived here continually since. Her husband, the late Benjamin F. Taft, died here in March, 1901.

Before coming here, Mrs. Taft and her husband made their home in Charlestown. She is survived by one son, Benjamin Taft, of this town, and four daughters—Mrs. Nellie F. Kittredge, Mrs. J. W. Bulkeley, both of Ayer, Mrs. F. W. Moses of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. E. A. Fletcher of Belmont.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted at the house by Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church. The bearers were the four sons-in-law of Mrs. Taft—J. W. Kittredge, J. W. Bulkeley, F. W. Moses and E. A. Fletcher, and her two grandsons, Dr. F. S. Bulkeley and F. T. Moses.

The many choice flowers expressed the great regard in which Mrs. Taft was held by her many friends.

The interment was in the family lot at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Mary (McMahon) O'Brien died at her home on Grove street last Sunday morning of a complication of diseases, aged sixty-five years. She was a native of the County Clare, Ireland, and came to this country when eighteen years of age, and for several years lived in Groton, and while a resident of that town married James J. O'Brien. They moved to Ayer in 1878, and since that time have made their home here.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning. A requiem of high mass, followed by the prayers for the dead was said at St. Mary's church by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheedy. A large number of relatives and friends from Ayer and other places attended the funeral.

The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery, where the committal service was performed by Rev. Sheedy. The bearers were Thomas F. Mullin, James J. McGuane, Charles H. Mullin and William Brown.

Mrs. O'Brien leaves her husband, James J. O'Brien, four sons—James H. O'Brien and Edward O'Brien of this town, George E. O'Brien of Maynard and John O'Brien of Boston, and two daughters—Mrs. John B. O'Connell, Jr., and Miss Mary E. O'Brien of Ayer. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Martin McCarthy of Lowell, and two sisters and two brothers in Ireland.

Mrs. Vesta A. M. Burt, widow of Simeon Burt, who died at Philadelphia, Pa., on July 17, was a former resident of this town. The funeral was held on July 19, at the residence of Edward W. Burt, her step-son. Her age was eighty-seven years. Mrs. Burt married Henry C. Haynes as her first husband, and by the latter name she is best known to the people here. Her husband was engaged in the stove and hardware business in Boston about 1860, while still keeping his residence here. He died a few years later and was buried at Groton.

Mr. Haynes and wife lived in the Captain George V. Barrett house on Washington street. The main part of the building was moved here from Shirley, placed in its present location, remodeled and an ell added; the work

being done under his direction. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes had four sons—Charles, Edward, George and Archibald Haynes, and one daughter, Miss Etta Haynes.

George Haynes went to war as officer's boy with Major E. S. Clark of Groton, the father of Mrs. Helen E. Hartwell of this town, and died at New Orleans. Archibald Haynes lives at present in New York. The addresses of the remaining members of the family are unknown.

After the death of Mr. Haynes, his wife kept a boarding house here and married Simeon Burt, who came here as a book canvasser about 1865. This was Mr. Burt's second marriage also.

Mrs. Catherine J. (Leahy) Donahue died at the sanitarium at North Reading last Sunday evening of phtisis, aged 28 yrs. 10 mos. 12 days. Mrs. Donahue had been in failing health for about a year, and about three months ago went to the sanitarium in that town for treatment. She was born in Lowell and was the daughter of Mrs. Winnifred Leahy, the only surviving parent. She was married on September 25, 1907, to Thomas F. Donahue. Previous to her marriage she was employed in the local telephone office for several years.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning. A requiem of high mass was said by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, who was assisted by Rev. M. F. Callahan, assistant pastor. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral. The bearers were Martin Scullane, Joseph Markham, Thomas F. McGuane, Henry Donahue, Thomas J. Ryan and James E. McGuane. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery where Revs. Sheedy and Callahan performed the committal service.

Mrs. Donahue leaves a husband, Thomas F. Donahue, her mother, Mrs.

Winnifred Leahy, five sisters—Miss Minnie Leahy, Miss Annie W. Leahy of Ayer, Mrs. George Harrigan of Portland, Me., Mrs. Roland Perry of Springfield, Mrs. Frank J. Lehan, of Boston, and one brother, John F. Leahy of this town.

To the Editor:

The protection of our shade trees has become a very serious problem, due to the destructive work of the elm leaf beetle and the gypsy and brown-tail moths.

The ravages of the gypsy and brown-tail moths, while on the increase, have been held somewhat in check by continued fighting, but the elm leaf beetle has been left alone to continue its destructive work, and if something is not done the coming year, it will only be a question of two or three years before we will lose our beautiful elms.

The elm leaf beetle, while new in this locality, was imported into this country, establishing itself in and about Baltimore, Md., in 1834. Since then it has spread over all of the eastern part of the country. It is one of the heaviest of the insect pests to control and has been responsible for the destruction of more shade trees than any other insect we have.

The beetle, which eats the little round holes in the leaves, winters in attics, sheds and other sheltered places. These beetles emerge from their winter quarters early in the spring and about the last of April or the first of May, fly onto the elms and begin to eat the leaves and at the same time to deposit their eggs. They continue to eat and deposit their eggs for four or five weeks. About a week after the eggs are laid they hatch and the young grubs begin to feed on the underside of the leaves, leaving the upper or tougher tissues thus producing the semi-transparent foliage

which is so abundant just at present. These grubs continue to grow and eat for about twenty days, when they leave the leaves and seek the underside of the limbs or other shelter to pupate. They remain in this state for about seven days when they again take the form of the beetle and the same life history is repeated.

We are about already through with the first brood, but the second brood is coming right along. This second brood quite often attacks those trees that escaped the ravages of the first brood. The natural enemies of the beetle are very few, so that the only practical remedy for controlling them is spraying with arsenical poison between the middle of May and the middle of June. Remember it is the beetle and not the grub that is killed by the arsenate. These beetles are small, stupid insects, and look a good deal like the striped squash bug.

Quite a few people believe that the elm leaf beetle comes under the direction of the local moth superintendent, but that is not so. The shade trees of the town are under the care and protection of tree warden Blood, and it is his duty to protect them from injury from all kinds of insects except the gypsy and brown-tail moths, but we cannot expect tree warden Blood to fight the elm leaf beetle unless we give him the things to do it with. In order to do anything toward exterminating them, it is important that the tree warden be furnished with a spray pump that will throw a spray to the top of our highest elms. This outfit will cost at least \$500.

I hope that those of us, who take pride in our shade trees, will at the proper time next spring, see that the tree warden is furnished with enough funds so he can spray our elms to same them from destruction.

D. W. MASON,
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\$2.50 Straws now	\$1.50
\$2.00 Straws now	\$1.25
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News Items.

Some of our well-known musicians are talking over the matter of forming a band in town. They will hold a meeting on Monday night.

The George J. Burns hook and ladder company left this morning for Providence, R. I., by way of Worcester, on their annual outing. From Providence the party will go to Newport and Narragansett Pier, and will return on Sunday evening by way of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mason spent last Sunday at Orr's Island, Casco Bay, Me.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker returned last Saturday from attendance upon the Unitarian Sunday school Institute held on Star Island, Isles of Shoals.

Mrs. Henrietta S. Roe and her daughter, Miss Nettie B. Roe, will return today from the Isles of Shoals, where they have spent three weeks.

Mrs. Frank S. Bennett and daughter Elizabeth are at the beach at North Scituate.

Rev. and Mrs. Bumpus will return from Duxbury on Friday, August 4.

A horse owned by J. J. Barry and attached to one of his wagons, became scared at an automobile while standing in front of Mr. Barry's store on Park street, Monday afternoon and ran across the railroad crossing and finally came to a stop when he dashed against the corner of the Public Spirit building, breaking two lights of glass in the variety store. A shaft of the wagon was also broken in the mixup. A roll top desk, which was in the wagon was thrown out near the American house and slightly damaged.

Two special trains of the members of the state militia from Fitchburg, Leominster and vicinity passed through here on Sunday morning bound for Billerica, where they are taking part in the war manoeuvres this week.

A steam shovel is at work in the gravel bank in the upper railroad yard getting gravel for the filling of the road bed for the extra main line track which is being laid between South Lancaster and Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Jones are

visiting at the home of Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waterman on Fletcher street.

Mrs. Harlan K. Nutting and son Clifford of Milwaukie, Wis., arrived in town on Wednesday night, and will make an extended visit here. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nutting's mother, Mrs. J. H. Richardson, which occurred on Thursday.

Charles W. Milliken went with the Fitchburg band to Billerica this week where the war game is in progress.

New Advertisements.

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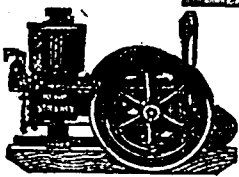
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SHIRLEY.

Center.

Mrs. Henry Ware has been spending the past week at her home here. Emma Dodge entertained her brother from Pepperell over Sunday.

Mrs. Gideon West is confined to her home with illness.

All lovers of good music should not fail to attend the benefit concert which is to be given in the town hall this evening at eight o'clock. The artists are the very best and the program which they are to give is remarkably good, including piano selections by Wesley Weyman; songs, Edith Sterling Nichols, soprano; solos, Nira Donnelly Coffin, contralto; violin selections, Beatrice Pray. Hazel Mackaye and Bessie Farnsworth are to be accompanists.

Mrs. Merritt of New York is a guest of Mrs. Von Hesse this week.

Henry Farnsworth is again ill and under the care of a doctor.

A party of eight boys from the Y. M. C. A. in Boston, are spending a two-weeks' vacation at Henry Farrar's at the North.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and daughter Marion of West Groton, spent several days last week with Mrs. Mellish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth.

C. H. Bisbee of Waltham is visiting his sister, Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, at the North.

Edna Willis is entertaining her little cousin, Gertrude Willis, of Maynard, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson finished moving into the house at the North owned by John W. Farrar, this week.

Rev. Eliza M. H. Abbott of Melrose supplied the pulpit at the First Parish church last Sunday morning. Special violin selections were given by Arthur Moulton of New York during the service.

Harry Brown and Edward Farnsworth went on an all-day excursion on Wednesday to the White Mountains and Lake Winnepesaukee, starting from Ayer.

Fair.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold their annual fair and entertainment on Friday, August 4, in the town hall, at three o'clock. There will be a large assortment of fancy goods on sale; also, ice cream, candy, lemonade, etc.

In the evening they will present the one-act drama, "The kleptomaniac." It has been carefully rehearsed under the direction of Hazel Mackaye and is expected to be the best thing that the Sewing Guild has ever presented. Miss Mackaye has had a great deal of experience in that line of work, having directed a play at Radcliffe college last spring, and later held a position as assistant stage director at "The world in Boston." The cast of characters is as follows:

Mrs. John Burton (Peggy) Miss Rebecca Chany
Mrs. Valerie Chase Ormsby, a widow. Miss Helen Winslow
Mrs. Charles Dover (Mabel) Miss Ethel Holden
Mrs. Preston Ashley (Bertha) Miss Christine Longley
Miss Freda Dixon Miss Marion Holden
Miss Evelyn Evans, journalist. Miss Margaret Goodspeed
Katie, Mrs. Burton's maid. Miss Rachel Carpenter.

After the entertainment the hall will be cleared for dancing. Percy Coleman of Leominster will play the piano for dancing. To all who have heard Mr. Coleman and know his ability, this alone will be an additional attraction. Ice cream, cake and lemonade are to be on sale throughout the evening.

Baseball.

The Shirley Center nine met their first defeat of the season on last Saturday afternoon in a loosely played game with the Industrial school, to the tune of 16 to 4. The game was played on the home grounds, Mr. Saunders from the Scout camp, acting as umpire. A Holden and Chesborough composed the battery for the home team and Bragg and Coffin for the visitors. Holden pitched a good game, allowing but three clean hits and one base on balls. Creswell of the Industrial school made a home run on a lost ball.

On Saturday afternoon, July 29, the Crescents of West Groton will play a return game with the Center team. A good game is expected, as the Crescents are eager to make up for the defeat they received on their own grounds several weeks ago.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dunbar of Sandown are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Ernest Burton of Portland, Me., and Mrs. Nellie Burnham are guests of Mrs. Eleanor Lamprey at the Farrar homestead.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., of Brookline, Mass., will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening.

Services will not be held at the Methodist church next Sunday. Rev. James N. Seaver being away on his vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Warren L. Noyes are at the Isle of Shoals for part of their vacation.

George McMen of Brookline, Mass., is at the Power homestead for a few weeks.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. E. P. Gerrish on Tuesday afternoon. A large number were in attendance.

Miss Eliza J. Parker, Miss Louise Parker and Walter Parker are at Four Pines.

Mrs. Laura Webber, little daughter Olive and son Ray of Gardner, are at the Gilman homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nye of Nashua are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Mrs. Sarah Smith and Mr. Steadman of Boston are guests of Misses Ellen C. Sawtelle and Martha Wright.

Mrs. Gerry of Somerville, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Chester B. Valdege.

Dr. and Mrs. George M. McCoy and daughter Ruth of Newton, and Miss Margaret Farquahas of Boston, are at the Elmwood for the summer.

Funeral.

The funeral of Edward C. Tucker took place at the old home on Thursday afternoon of last week and was largely attended. Rev. Warren L. Noyes, pastor of the Congregational church, and Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., officiated and tenderly offering words of consolation. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle sweetly sang, "We shall meet but we shall miss him," "Nearer my God to thee," and "Good night." Mr. Tucker reposed in a grey casket surrounded by a profusion of beautiful flowers that he loved so well.

Burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery, James H. S. Tucker, George L. Badger, Edward C. Wade, Edgar W. Blake, Judge Edward E. Parker and Samuel Swett serving as bearers. Among the floral tributes were:

Roses, from wife; 63 Killarney roses, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Badger; pillow, "Brother," James H. S. Tucker; roses, Dora and Helen Tucker; garland of asters, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker; spray of water lilies, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blake; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett; oblong wreath, Judge Parker and family; spray of mixed flowers, Miss Alice M. Parker; standard with crescent, Dr. Frank Bell, Thomas Graham; spray of white pinks, Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe; wreath, Will A. Hobart and family; spray of pinks, Sunbonnet club; garland of roses, O. D. Fessenden and family; spray of pink roses, Clara M. Shaw, Marlon S. Strong; spray of white roses, Mrs. S. Cunningham; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sullivan; wreath, Roscoe Proctor; wreath, W. E. Nutting, R. T. Fisher; Mrs. Mae Costello; Mrs. Mac Lombard; water lilies, Freeman Wright; water lilies, Frank Jenness; 63 white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Badger, Mrs. Annie Badger; 63 red roses, Mr. and Mrs. George M. McCoy and family; spray of pinks, Bethany circle of King's Daughters; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. Will Badger and family; Quince; spray of asters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey; spray of pinks, Mrs. M. A. Cox and family and Miss Leonora Sargent; palm, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence; spray of pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Lodge; Killarney roses, Misses Ellen Sawtelle, Martha Wright, carnations and palm, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison; spray of pinks, Misses Bertha and Florence Sargent; wreath, Rev. and Mrs. George L. Perin; roses and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy; wreath of ivy and roses, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker; Miss Eliza J. Parker; white roses, O. D. Fessenden and family.

Among those in attendance from out-of-town were:

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Badger, Quincy, Mass.; James H. S. Tucker, Dr. Frank Bell, Walter Nutting, R. T. Fisher, Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker, Nashua; Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Blake, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Blake, Emma Blake, Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton, Thomas Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobart, Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. John Coburn, Hollis; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taft, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison, Milford; Mrs. George McCoy, Brookline, Mass.; Joseph Swett, Dedham, Mass.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Thursday, July 20, S. D. Salmon, 3rd, chairman of the selectmen, Albert Hartwell, town treasurer, and several others attended the hearing before the railroad commissioners on the petition for gates at the Boxborough station. This week Thursday, Friday and Saturday, a man has been stationed there by the railroad to count the number of teams and persons going over the tracks each day.

E. C. Mead has had a garage built to accommodate the autos owned by his two sons.

According to the old agreement it becomes Boxborough's turn to name the democratic candidate for representative from this district and Charles Sherry has announced himself a candidate for the position.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to LAWRENCE MORGAN of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of September A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted; and the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 345 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.



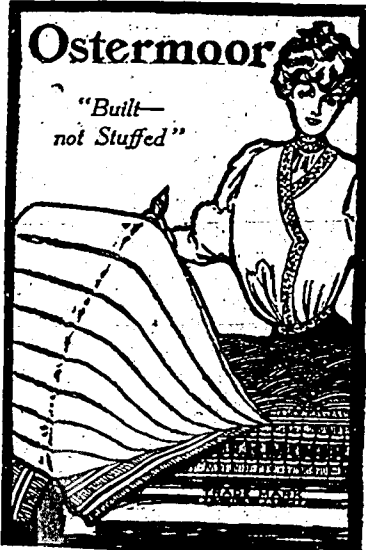
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SHIRLEY.
News Items.
All the household goods of the well-known Logue homestead will be sold at public auction on Saturday afternoon, July 29, at 1.30 o'clock, by Mr. Filiebrown of Ayer, the auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Story of Gardner spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Babb.
George W. Balch and Ralph Wheeler spent the week-end with relatives in Westminster.

Dr. Mortimer H. Paine of Hyannis, who left Shirley a few months ago, has decided to return to town, and in view of this fact has rented the lower flat in the house owned by the late Henry Edgarton, which is now occupied by Miss Alice Flynn. Dr. Paine intends to take possession about the middle of next month.

A boy's bicycle was stolen from the barn of Rev. A. A. Bronsdon sometime during last Saturday night. The wheel belonged to Master Abbott Bronsdon, being a gift from his grandfather two years ago. Evidently the wheel was taken by a boy as the marks of a boy's heel were plainly visible. Chief Goodwin is now at work on the case and no stone will be left unturned to secure the thief. The boy who took the wheel was, without doubt, a resident of Shirley and if he is honest enough to return the wheel he will save himself from considerable trouble and unpleasant notoriety.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and family leave town next Monday for their summer home in Pocasset to remain during the month of August.
The Congregational church will be open for regular services on Sunday, July 30, with the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, in the pulpit at the morning service. Regular meeting of the C. E. society in the evening at seven o'clock. During the month of August the church will be closed for the annual vacation.

Rev. J. H. Cote is visiting in Canada and Caraque, N. B.
Arthur Anderson and Cleland Brooks of Boston; also, Alvin H. Alden of Worcester were the guests of Amasa Balcom last Sunday.
Mrs. Jacob C. Beach, with son Thaddeus, has gone to her old home in Westfield, Queen's County, Nova Scotia, and will return to Shirley about the first of September.

C. F. Edgarton and family are expected to arrive home from Europe about the tenth of August.
The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church was held on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George O. Evans. The old board of officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. L. R. Binney, pres.; Mrs. H. W. Evans, vice pres.; Mrs. Carrie E. Tilden, sec.; Mary M. Nickless, col.; Martha A. Holden, treas. At the close of the business session Mrs. Evans kindly served ice cream, cake, etc., and the meeting was most enjoyable and harmonious.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Will are entertaining a son born at the Clinton hospital on Wednesday night.
The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Tolman on Thursday of next week. These meetings come on alternate Thursdays during the summer months.
The Shirley baseball team will play the Fitchburg team at Fitchburg on Saturday afternoon, July 29.

Broken Into.
The office of the Samson Cordage works was broken into some time during Wednesday night. The private desk of superintendent Charles H. Wear, Jr., was broken open and money amounting to about thirty dollars, more or less, was taken. The money did not belong to the cordage company, but part of it belonged to the Odd Fellows of which Mr. Wear is trustee, and part was Mr. Wear's own personal money, the money being in three envelopes. The thief gained entrance by breaking off a picket of the fence, which gave him admission to the yard. He then opened a window on the north side of the office, located in a secluded spot. Chief Goodwin is working on the case and has a couple of suspicious characters under surveillance.

Fined For Liquor Selling.
In the Fitchburg police court on Wednesday morning, Judge Thomas F. Gallagher presiding, fines of fifty dollars were imposed upon Charles H. Parmenter, Theophile Lambert and Ansel Saunders, charged with violating the liquor laws at Lunenburg, the complaints against Parmenter and Lambert alleging illegal liquor keeping at the places near the Shirley reservoir from April 1 to July 17, while Saunders was alleged to have made a single sale of liquor to Constable Bernard G. Sparks of Lunenburg on July 2.
The complaints against all three defendants were tried last week Friday, Attorney David I. Walsh representing the defendants and James H. McMahon appearing for the commonwealth. Findings of guilty were made on each complaint, the cases of all three defendants being continued until Wednesday morning for disposition upon the request of their counsel. The only thing remaining to be done, as far as the local court was concerned, was the final disposition of the cases, the court sentencing each defendant to pay a fine of fifty dollars. Each entered an appeal and recognized with sureties of \$200 for his appearance before the next sitting of the superior court on the first Monday in August.

planned for the boys and girls under the direction of the following committee: Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, J. A. Deardon, Stanley Wells and Lenten Ward. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Miss Altie Howe, Miss Mary A. Park and Joseph H. McClellan.
It is safe to say that no better place could be secured for a gathering of this kind as the large number of attractions for the children, combined with the natural advantages of the grove offer unequalled facilities for the entertainment of old and young. It was the most enjoyable picnic ever remembered in the history of the Sunday school.

At the session of the Sunday school last Sunday, a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Coggsball for the use of the grove, the secretary, Miss Blanche Wells, being instructed to write Mr. Coggsball of the action taken by the school.

Baseball.
The Shirley baseball team lost its game last Saturday with the Y. M. C. I. of Lowell, the latter winning by a score of 13 to 10. In the fourth inning the Lowell team scored seven runs, and errors by the home team, combined with good, solid hitting by the visitors who found Witmer no puzzle to them, left Shirley standing at the post. The summary follows:

LOWELL Y. M. C. I.		SHIRLEY A. A.	
Cl.	R.	Cl.	R.
Clark, c.	3	Shedy, 2b.	2
Buckley, p.	2	Fahey, ss.	1
Harris, 1b.	1	Fahey, cf.	1
King, 1b.	0	Burrill, 1b.	1
Cashman, 2b.	1	Collyer, 1b.	0
Town, cf.	1	Schofield, 2b.	0
Marot, ss.	2	Woodcombe, c.	1
O'Brien, 3b.	2	Conroy, 1c.	0
Curry, lf.	1	Sibley, lf.	0
		Witmer, p.	2
Totals	13	Totals	8

Center.
The next meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday evening, August 1. The village members were to furnish the entertainment at this meeting, but as they are unable to attend, the program will be under the direction of the lecturer, Mrs. Norman R. Graves.
Miss Jack and Mrs. Merritt visited in Cambridge and Boston the latter part of last week.
Arthur Moulton of New York, who has been a guest at L. J. Farnsworth's during the past week, has returned home.
Dr. and Mrs. Guild of Beverly, who have been visiting at Harry Stone's, returned home last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Harry Stone and Myrna Carter took a trip to Keene, N. H., in Mr. Smith's auto on Tuesday.

The Matrons' Aid have decided not to hold any more meetings for several weeks. The next meeting will be held about the time of the annual fair, the last of August, to make arrangements for the fair.
Mrs. Fred Frary, from the East, has secured a position with Elsie Kirby.
The meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild on the common on Friday afternoon of last week was not very largely attended. The next meeting will be at the same place.
Henry Ware of Brookline, who has been very sick, was worse last week and Mrs. Ware, who has been staying at their house here, was sent for. At present he is improving again and after a short stay at the seashore to regain his strength, he expects to come to his house for the rest of the season.

Helen M. Winslow met with a painful accident on Thursday afternoon of last week, while going out of the back door. Her shoe heels caught on the step, throwing her forward very forcibly and injuring her ankle. Dr. Ellen Schenk was sent for and immediately put it in splints. The heels to both of Miss Winslow's shoes were torn completely off. These probably lessened the force of the fall and saved her from having a broken leg. At present she is able to go about a very little, with the use of a crutch and cane.

In her latest letter from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Evans reports Otis as much improved, although the bullet has not yet been probed for. Not until last week did the doctor in charge give decided hopes for Otis' recovery. At present it is expected that he will be brought home in about a month.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton gave a reception on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Worthington Chaucey Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Ford are from Cambridge, and are spending the summer, together with their twin daughters, Emily and Premora, at Rev. Howard A. Bridgman's house. The older people of the Center were invited to attend to meet Mr. and Mrs. Ford. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and all spent a very pleasant evening.

Miss Shevlin, cousin to Shevlin, the former Yale football star, arrived at Allison Winslow's on Tuesday for a short stay.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey and little daughter of Fitchburg are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey.
Elsie Kirby entertained guests from Lynn over Sunday.
Mrs. London of Cambridge, with her daughter Bernice, spent the first part of this week with her father, William Jubb.

Alice Lakin of Quincy is making a visit with her grandfather, William Jubb.
Mrs. Mackaye is very ill and under the care of Dr. Hopkins of Ayer. The Boy Scouts, who have been camping in William Jubb's grove for the past two weeks, are to return to Boston on Monday.
The Burnhams at the East entertained friends from Boston over the week-end.
Preparations are being made for putting in new flooring at the Nashua bridge at the East.

Marjorie Pinkham of Wollaston is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed.
Spencer Terry of New York was a guest of Allison Winslow on Friday and Saturday of last week.
Elmer Hubbard spent several days last week in Princeton with his mother, who is very sick.
The Boy Scouts baseball team cancelled the game which was to be played with the Center team last Saturday and went to Boston to play a game in their own league.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams of California are visiting Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray and Miss Elsie Pray spent last week Friday in Boston.
Herman Willis has secured a fine position as chauffeur in Manchester-by-the-Sea.
Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Chevrete of Leominster have been spending a two-weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holden.

Edward Holden of Ayer visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Holden on Sunday.
Hazel Mackaye has been appointed instructor in dramatics at Radcliffe college for the coming year. Miss Mackaye directed a play at that college last year with great success.
The guests at the Mary Anna home completed their two-weeks' vacation on last week Thursday and returned to Boston. Twenty-four more women and children from the Dudley Street and Ruggles Street churches arrived last Saturday to take their places.
Rev. A. A. Bronsdon gave an address on "Selfishness," at Trinity chapel last Sunday. Mr. Bronsdon will supply the pulpit again tomorrow.

Chilton Winslow of Philadelphia, daughter of Mrs. Grace Winslow, is making a visit with Elsie Kirby.
Miss Waterman of North Adams, who has been visiting Howard Fuller, returned to her home on Wednesday.

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